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Landfill officials expect go-ahead on expansion by end of month

Construction on an expanded landfill in Hoopeston could begin next spring.

A decision is expected later this month on a request to construct a 120-acre expansion on the existing 35-acre site, said Jim VanWeelden of Allied Waste Industries, owner of Illinois Landfills' Hoopeston facility.

"We're expecting to get a construction permit issued by the end of December," VanWeelden said. "If that happens, we will start construction of the facility and the access road in the spring."

To get the project this far has taken more than five years, which is within limits for the average time to site a landfill in Illinois, VanWeelden said. "The average timeline in Illinois from siting to building is around five to seven years," he said. "Fast-track is two, two and a half years. There have been a few hitches in this one."

Those "hitches" include a three-year long process to get approval to site the expansion, a process that included a fight from a citizens' group, leading to court appearances locally and at the appellate level.

A request to hear the issue before the Illinois Supreme Court was denied.

Objection to the expansion was dropped when the Hoopeston city council, in November 1995, approved an amended agreement with Illinois Landfills including more stringent requirements than the original agreement.

Those requirements include

□accepting waste from 14, rather than 31, counties in Illinois and Indiana. Those counties are Vermilion, Iroquois, Cook, Kane, Kankakee, Will, DuPage, Ford and Livingston in Illinois and Indiana counties of Fountain, Warren, Benton, Tippecanoe and Montgomery.

□well-testing at four properties adjacent to the landfill.

□building an access road through land at the Hoopeston Industrial Corporation site at Route 9 and South Market St.

□raising the landfill floor by five feet, and increasing the top by the same amount.

□limiting waste accepted per day to 1,500 tons, with a maximum of 1,000 tons daily from Cook County.

□providing a safe supply of drinking water to the city within 24 hours' notice that the landfill has polluted

Briefly

EMT training information

The Hoopeston Ambulance Service will host an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the ambulance barn for people interested in joining the service.

For more information on the meeting or classes, call Dean at (217) 283-9608; Chris Coon, 283-7026, Shannon Ramos, 283-6509 or leave a message on the Ambulance answering machine, 283-6511.

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Candidates who will file petitions for nomination or election in the March 17, 1998 primary election include those running for sheriff, county clerk, treasurer, supervisor of assessments, regional school superintendent, record, board of review, county board and precinct committeepeople.

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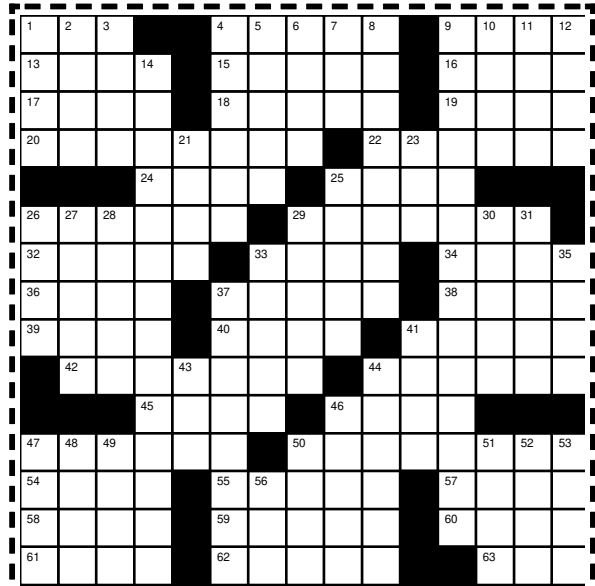
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Police News

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Charles W. Cruisenberry of Crunch’s, reported Monday that someone sliced the rear tires of his 1989 Chevrolet van while it was parked at 225 E. Main.

See **LANDFILL** on other side

Landfill continued from other side

drinking water.

Additionally, Illinois Landfills agreed to not change requirements in the agreement for 20 years.

No changes were made in host fees - the money Hoopeston will receive from the company - of 46 cents per cubic yard, a 10-year freeze on garbage pick-up rates and construction - at company expense - of a recycling center with curbside pick-up.

Last September, Allied Waste submitted its proposal to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. A decision, expected earlier this year, was postponed when the IEPA requested an extension.

Until a decision is made, further delays could prolong the process. “It wouldn’t be beyond the realm of

- Across**
 1. Observe
 4. Spaghetti, for one
 9. Utters
 13. Pilgrimage to Mecca
 15. 'Knock for ____', astonish: 2 words
 16. Nevada's neighbor
 17. Jacob's twin
 18. Sailboat
 19. Burrowing animal
 20. Dried meat ration
 22. Hobbled
 24. Recite a psalm
 25. Trim
 26. Soap opera, for ex.
 29. Purplish: hyph. word
 32. Stoves' parts
 33. Winter vehicle
 34. Spanish linear measure
 36. Site for circus acts
 37. ____ in the back, betrays
38. Particle
 39. Ski area in 16-Across
 40. Begin growing
 41. Part of a play
 42. Rescue (goods)
 44. More vicious
 45. Dirt road
 46. Soft fabric
 47. Mutual agreement
 50. ____ with, crashes into
 54. Mid-European
 55. Chicago airport
 57. French river
 58. Unadulterated
 59. Land divider
 60. Not any
 61. Cassandra, for one
 62. Liberates
 63. Legislator, for short
- Down**
 1. Name for a collie
 2. Comfort
 3. Dutch cheese

4. Inventor of the mathematical triangle
 5. Soothe
 6. Before long
 7. Also
 8. Claps
 9. Annual respite: 2 words
 10. On
 11. Ivy League university
 12. Outbuilding
 14. Censuring severely: 3 words (slang)
 21. Cleopatra's maid, in Shakespeare play
 23. Dander
 25. Freshman cadet
 26. Marsh bird
 27. Iniquities
 28. Designer, Oscar de la
29. English poet
 30. Consumed
 31. Nonworker
 33. Put on (a play)
 35. U. S.: abbr.
 37. Tie, as in basketball
 41. Vend
 43. Diversity: abbr.
 44. Riots
 46. Impel
 47. Vipers
 21. Cleopatra's maid, in Shakespeare play
 49. 'C' in TLC
 50. Chair-seat material
 51. Colleague of 28-Down
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